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FOR INS DIDIR FELDMAN

1. SUMMARY. IN MEETING WITH CHARGE AND CONFOFF, UNHCR
REP SAMPATKUMAR EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT CANCELLATION
OF INS VISIT TO SINGAPORE (REF A). HE FELT A VISIT AT
THIS TIME WOULD BE USEFUL IN FORESTALLING POSSIBLE GOS
DECISION TO REQUIRE HOSEI MARU REFUGEES TO MOVE TO JAPAN
(REF B), THEREBY PREVENTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT IN TRANSFERRING REFUGEES FROM FIRST
ASYLUM COUNTRY TO A SECOND COUNTRY PRIOR TO ULTIMATE
RESETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. UNHCR REP SAMPATKUMAR INFORMED CHARGE AND CONOFF MAY 3
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THAT HE HAD MET EARLIER SAME DAY WITH MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
CHUA, AND WAS FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC GOS WOULD AGREE TO
EXTENSION OF STAY FOR THE HOSEI MARU REFUGEES. HE
WAS UNCERTAIN JUST HOW LONG AN EXTENSION MIGHT BE
GRANTED. SINCE MOST OF THE REMAINING REFUGEES OF THE
HOSEI MARU APPEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE UNDER TC PROGRAM,
HE FELT EARLY VISIT TO SINGAPORE BY INS OFFICER YOUNG

TO SCREEN 34 PENDING CASES WITH HOPEFULLY SUBSEQUENT FINDING OF ELIGIBILITY WOULD HELP TO INSURE FAVORABLE GOS DECISION TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE EXTENSION. HE WAS THEREFORE MOST DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT YOUNG'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE HAD BEEN CANCELLED. SAMPATKUMAR STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT OF MOVING REFUGEES FROM COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM TO ANOTHER COUNTRY PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE BY A THIRD COUNTRY FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT.

3. SAMPATKUMAR ALSO INQUIRED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR INS OFFICER TO SCREEN 60 NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES ABOARD PANAMANIAN REGISTERED VESSEL SANTA DIVINA (SEPTTEL). EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE VOLAG REP CHEW BOARD SHIP FOR PRELIMINARY PROCESSING. SHIP'S AGENT INDICATES NEXT PORT OF CALL AND DATE OF DEPARTURE ARE NOT YET DETERMINED.

4. INS VISIT WOULD ALSO ALLOW EMBASSY TO EXTEND ASSURANCE IN BEHALF OF QUALIFIED REFUGEES ABOARD TRAWLER PB 1492 (REFTTEL C), WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO COME ASHORE SINCE ARRIVAL IN DECEMBER 1976.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INS OFFICER YOUNG WILL BE IN EAST MALAYSIA FROM APPROXIMATELY MAY 5 TO 11 AND THAT HE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR FOR A DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG. IN VIEW OF UNHCR REP'S CONCERN, REQUEST YOUNG BE SENT TO SINGAPORE FOR ONE OR TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF HIS CURRENT TRIP TO EAST MALAYSIA PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR AND HONG KONG.
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